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Washington, D.C. – Yesterday, Benjamin Grumbles, the assistant administrator for water at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), announced that the agency is considering a national perchlorate standard.

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) has previously called for the EPA to set a national perchlorate standard.

The text can be found below and is available here:

http://McNerney.house.gov/pdf/perc%20letter%20to%20EPA_05-07-08.pdf

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Administrator Stephen L. Johnson
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Ariel Rios Building
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Johnson,

I am disturbed at recent suggestions made by the Assistant Administrator for Water at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to consider a national perchlorate standard.

The harmful effects of perchlorate are no longer in doubt; even the lowest levels of exposure to this chemical

In the absence of a national perchlorate standard, individual states have implemented their own thresholds

There is no more basic function of your agency than to protect Americans of all ages, and we need to make

Sincerely,

Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress